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The Spark13 conference in Granada, Spain put a spotlight on nine winners today, May 29, 2013, during the 1<sup>st</sup> Global Telecentre Awards (GTA) ceremony held at the Garcia Lorca Auditorium at the Palacio de Congresos. The awards ceremony was organized by Telecentre.org Foundation (TCF) and co-presented by the National Information Society Agency of Korea (NIA) and Microsoft Corporation.



The 1<sup>st</sup> Global Telecentre Awards aims to recognize the best of the best in the international telecentre stage in six specific categories: Telecentre, Telecentre Manager, Telecentre Network, Telecentre Innovation, Telecentre Initiative, and Information Access Center.

Winners for each category are as follows:

#### **Grand Winners**

- Best Telecentre: Volgograd State Agricultural University, Russia
- Best Telecentre Manager: Gurusinghe Arachchige Deepika Priyadharshanee, Sri Lanka
- Best Telecentre Network: Philippine Community e-Center Network, Philippines
- Best Telecentre Innovation: eBario Innovation Village, Malaysia
- Best Telecentre Initiative: Ayni Bolivia – Ch@ski Program, Bolivia
- Best Information Access Center: Bangladesh Korea IAC, Bangladesh

#### **Global Community's Choice**

- Best Telecentre: Volgograd State Agricultural University, Russia

- Best Telecentre Manager: Linda Navarro Balbuena, Philippines
- Best Telecentre Network: Philippine Community e-Center Network, Philippines
- Best Telecentre Initiative: Conecta Joven of Esplai Foundation, Spain
- Best Telecentre Innovation: eBario Innovation Village, Malaysia
- Best Information Access Center: Jordan-Korea IAC, Jordan

Grand winners were selected after thorough evaluation by a distinguished panel of judges while winners of the Global Community's Choice distinction were selected through an online voting process held from April 15 to May 15, 2013 at the TCF community websites.

Winners were at hand at the Awards Ceremony to claim their prizes which consisted of a Certificate of Recognition, a plaque, maximum travel grant of 2,500 USD to participate in the event, and visibility in TCF's corporate and community websites as well as its various online communication channels.

The winners for the Information Access Center category were presented their awards on May 28, 2013 at a special dinner reception sponsored by NIA and Beyond Access.



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